

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*):

- (a) Nil
- (b), (c) and (d) In view of the answer to part (a), these questions do not arise.
- (e) Yes.
- (f) Peon-volunteer—Rs. 50.
Clerk-volunteer—Rs. 150.

Muslims in the Vernacular Middle School at Edappalli.

113. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Muslim students in the Vernacular Middle School (Primary and Middle School classes) for Boys at Edappalli; and
- (b) whether an Arabic Munshi is appointed there?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

- (a) 10 in the Primary and 8 in the Middle School classes.
- (b) No.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Was there any representation to appoint an Arabic Munshi?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, both in writing and in person.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know what action has been taken on it by the department?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The present strength of the Mahommedan pupils in the school does not warrant the appointment of a Munshi.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): For an Arabic Munshi to be appointed, may I know what should be the strength of the Mahommedan School?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): In a Primary School the strength should be 25 and in a Middle School 10.

Arabic Munshi in the St. Mary's English High School at Alwaye.

114. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was any representation to appoint an Arabic Munshi in the St. Mary's English High School at Alwaye;
- (b) if so, what action has been taken; and
- (c) the number of Muslim students (Secondary classes and High School classes) in the said school?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The manager of the school reported that he did not intend appointing an Arabic Munshi in the school as it would be very inconvenient for him to make the time-table arrangements including Arabic as a special subject.
- (c) Middle School classes: 24.
High School classes: 5.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is it not necessary for the encouragement of Muslim education that a provision should be made for the appointment of an Arabic Munshi?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): If so, why did not the Education Department insist on the aided institutions to appoint an Arabic Munshi?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Department cannot force the aided institutions to appoint Arabic Munshis.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Has the Director of Public Instruction referred the necessity of appointing Arabic Munshis to the managers of aided institutions?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. The department obviously cannot force the aided managements to provide for a particular type of language instruction and afford facilities for the same.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Then, may I know how could encouragement be given?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): They are getting other language instructions. In this case no encouragement could be given in that particular school so far as a knowledge of Arabic is concerned.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Was there a demand from the public of Alwaye for the appointment of an Arabic Munshi?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, there was a request first to the management and then to the Director.

MR. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Director accepted the report of the manager?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I asked the manager whether he could see his way to introduce Arabic instruction. He explained his position and said that he was not able to do so. As I suggested, such being the case, the department cannot force him.

MR. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Director will be pleased to refer the matter to the management once more?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have no objection to ask the manager once again if that will satisfy the Honourable member.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtilta*): Has it been the view of Government that the department is powerless in insisting upon the managers of aided schools to fall in line with the views of Government in regard to education?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The department cannot insist on the management to provide for all requirements in vernaculars such as the teaching of Malayalam, Tamil, Arabic, etc. So far as the general requirements of the department go, the Government or for that matter the department, can insist.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtilta*): What I wish to know is, can a manager of an aided school refuse to impart to students a particular kind of education?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): If Arabic was a compulsory subject the management cannot refuse to provide for it. But there are also Mahommedan boys studying Malayalam.

Banking concerns in the State.

115. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Tahsildars of the respective places are asked to report to the Government about the running of Banks which are not registered?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the reason why the report was not called for?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no necessity to call for a report.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is not the company to be registered?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Under the Regulation all Companies having a membership of more than 10 have to be registered.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the number of unregistered Banks?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Do Government realise income-tax then?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government realise income-tax from those from whom it is due.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any income-tax is realised from the Gnanakrishnan Bank?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I can't say.

Complaints against the Inspector of Police at Kothamangalam.

116. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether representations are made against the high-handed measures of the present Inspector of police at Kothamangalam?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the nature of the complaint made about the Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I think it is that he was taking sides against the Muslim community there.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know what action has been taken on the representation made against the Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): The petition is under enquiry, and I cannot divulge information other than that.